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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1905.

Credit Bureau Suggested.

At the Board of Trade meeting Thursday night Fred J. Ogden, chairman of the Internal Trade Committee, submitted the following report for that committee:

The Internal Trade Committee recommends the establishment of a credit bureau which shall be conducted under their management.

Its object shall be to cultivate a friendly feeling and good fellowship among its members, to mutually protect them against dishonest creditors, and to assist them in collecting delinquent accounts, to abate trade abuses, to expose fraud and to consider matters of public interest to the town.

Any member of the Board of Trade extending credit in the town, having an account which he finds he cannot collect shall immediately place the name of the creditor in a book kept for that purpose and labeled "List of Doubtful Creditors," which shall remain in possession of the chairman of the bureau.

It shall be the privilege of any member of this body (a local business man), to have access to this book at any time, to receive such information as he may require. He shall refuse to sell except for cash any person whose name may appear on this list, until such claim has been satisfied.

If any member finds that he has already given credit to the delinquent reported, he may continue to do so, but if he has not already given credit he shall be morally bound to withhold it. Any disputed claim may be reported to the chairman of this bureau and referred to the Committee on Internal Trade with power to adjust settlement.

The chairman of the Internal Trade Committee shall be the chairman of this bureau. Respectfully submitted,
INTERNAL TRADE COMMITTEE,
F. J. OGDEN, Chairman.

The above report was the subject of animated discussion, and opinion was divided upon the question of its adoption. Charles E. Koehler raised the question of the liability for damages of the board or members of the board in case of alleged damages, in case an error or mistake was made in the operation of the proposed system, and on his motion the matter was referred to the legal committee for investigation.

M. N. Higgins claimed that many of the bad debts incurred by local business men was due to an over keen competition for business, and that new comers found their places stocked with coal, ice, groceries and other things upon their arrival here and the parties themselves did not know who furnished the goods. It was charged that real estate agents were responsible for that order of things.

Mr. Brooks advocated the adoption of the report on the ground that local business men might have a bureau of information such as Dunn's or Bradstreet's affords the larger business world.

Remored Lackawanna Extension.
A report from Delaware Water Gap states that there is a rumor in railroad circles to the effect that the Lackawanna Railroad intends to build a road into Philadelphia, leaving the main line at Portland and going over the Bangor and Portland branch as far as that road goes, and from there into Philadelphia over a new route. President Truesdale's private train went over the Bangor and Portland branch recently, and the president was accompanied by other officials of the road, and it is understood that the proposed route to Philadelphia was the main subject under consideration on the trip.**Proctor's Theatre.**
There will be a big treat for the children who attend the Saturday matinee performance to-day at Proctor's Park Place Theatre, Newark. Special arrangements have been made for the care of the little folks and no one need have any fear of allowing them to go to the theatre unattended by parents or other adult guardians. Immediately after the last act on the long laughter producing bill of attractions, the curtain will be raised and the stage will be dedicated to an appropriate Christmas season setting. There will be shown the interior of a cozy home and an exterior view, with a snow storm to make the portrayal more realistic.**INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.****Smoking a Strong Cask With Half a Pint of Water.**

That a small quantity of water, say half a pint, may be made to burst a strong cask seems a startling statement to make, and yet it is true. It is a well known law of physics that the pressure exerted by liquids increases in proportion to their depth. Suppose, therefore, that we have a strong cask filled with water and standing on end. The staves of this cask may be made to burst apart by adding a very small quantity of water to what is already in the cask. As the cask is already full, some way of adding the water must be devised. To do this a hole is bored in the end or head of the cask, and a long tube of small diameter is inserted upright. At the upper end of the tube is a small funnel into which water is poured until the tube becomes full, and when that point is reached the cask will burst.

This seems almost incredible, but it is only a demonstration of the law that has been cited. When the water is poured into the tube it unites with the water in the cask, and the depth of the water is several times as great as that in the cask alone. The fact that there is only a small quantity of water in the tube makes no difference, for it is now one body, and its depth is gauged from the top of the tube to the bottom of the cask.

As a matter of fact, this experiment is what we know takes place in nature. Some of her greatest convulsions are caused by this very process. Suppose, for example, that there is a great mass of rock, under which there is a cavity filled with water that has no outlet. Suppose, moreover, that there is a crack extending from the surface of the ground through this mass of rock to the water filled cavity underneath. A rock in this condition is a common thing in nature, the crack being caused by some disturbance of the earth or by its splitting in the natural order of things. Now, when it rains enough to fill the water in the cavity, the pressure will become so great that the rock will be torn into a hundred fragments.

SIAMESE BELIEFS.**Some Peculiar Notions of a Very Superstitious People.**

"The Siamese are a very superstitious people," says Ernest Young, author of the "Kingdom of the Yellow River." "They have many peculiar explanations of natural phenomena. Thunder, for instance, is 'the sky crying.' They believe that in the realms above is a horrible giant whose wife has a violent and uncertain temper. When they quarrel the echo of his voice comes in long, rolling notes from the clouds. If he is very angry he throws his hatchet at his unruly spouse, and when this ponderous weapon strikes the floor of heaven the thunder-bolt falls through and comes to earth. 'Falling stars' are accounted for by the fact that the angels occasionally indulge in torch throwing at one another. When these same beings all insist upon getting into the bath at once the water splashes over the side and it rains. The winds that sigh in the night are the voices of bubbles that have lost their way in their travels to the land beyond the grave."

"When a Siamese dies he is not buried, but his corpse, fully dressed and then wrapped in a winding sheet, is placed in a sitting posture in a copper urn. A tube is placed in his mouth, and through this a mixture of quicksilver and honey is poured into the body. In this way it is kept in a long time, often for years. Eventually it is buried, and the ashes are carefully preserved. The souls of those whose bones at least are not burned are supposed to become slaves of a horrid taskmaster with a head like a dog, a human body and the temper of a fiend. He sits for all time with his feet in the fires of hell, and it is the duty of his slaves to keep these fires from growing too hot. To do this they must carry water in open wicker baskets through all eternity."

The Egg Cure For Felons.

A Chicago doctor says that for the last fifteen years he has used egg to cure felon and has yet to see a case it will not cure. The way to apply the egg is as follows: Take a fresh egg and crack the shell at the larger end. Make a hole just large enough to admit the thumb or finger, whichever it may be, and force it into the egg as far as possible without rupturing the shell. Wipe off the egg which runs out and bind a handkerchief or soft cloth around the finger or thumb, leaving the egg on overnight. This will generally cure in one application, but if not make another application.

A Philosophy of Joy.

A quiet home; vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of genius; a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love us in turn; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or remorse; a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion, empty of all bigotry, full of trust and hope and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give us all the joy it has.—David Swing.

Lots of It.

"I should think there would be a great deal of local color in this village," said the lady novelist to the old resident.

"There be, mum," replied the latter. "There has bin more houses painted this year than there has fer ten year."

—Cornell R. H. Nonpareil.

A Surprising Party.

Mrs. Aakitt—I heard you had a surprise party at your house yesterday. Mrs. Tullit (absently)—Yes, my husband gave me \$10 without my asking for it.—San Francisco Call.

Belleville will Fight.

On the recommendation of Township Counsel Perry, the Belleville Township Committee has decided to continue its fight against the city of Orange in the matter of the latter's outlet sewer, notwithstanding the decision of Vice-Chancellor Emery at Trenton a few weeks ago.

Mr. Perry had recommended that the case be carried to the court of last resort. In its present state, he repeated, it will leave it an open question as to whether the Vice-Chancellor has properly construed the law. At present the whole case is in an unsatisfactory state.

The township attempted to force Orange to live up to its contract with Belleville in the matter of the disposal of the sewage. According to the provisions of the contract the gate of the outlet sewer, emptying into the river at the Greenwood Lake Railroad bridge, was to be opened only with the outgoing tide. Belleville's contention now is that though the contract was lived up to for two years or so, after that the gate was open at all times, allowing the sewage to flow up and down the river.

Savings Bank Dividends.

The managers of the Bloomfield Savings Institution declared this week the seventeenth semi-annual dividend of interest to depositors. The rate of interest to be paid on January 1, is the same as has been paid since July, 1904, at which time it was increased to four per cent. on amounts up to \$1,000, and three and one-half per cent. on the part of any deposit exceeding \$1,000.

The bank is now thirty-five years old, having been organized in the spring of 1871, and has prospered and paid semi-annual dividends continuously since that time.

Depositors of the Bloomfield Institution will feel gratified to know that they are receiving a higher rate of interest than that paid by any savings bank in the vicinity; in fact, we know of but one similar institution in the State which within recent years has paid as high a rate.

Church Services.

The Rev. Elliott W. Brown will speak Sunday morning in the Glen Ridge Church on "Lessons from Child Life," and in the evening on "The Christian Learning Lessons from Man of the World."

Rev. S. T. Jackson, pastor of the Watessing M. E. Church, is expected home to-day on the ship St. Paul and will occupy his pulpit to-morrow both morning and evening.

Dr. C. S. Woodruff will preach at both services in the Park M. E. Church to-morrow. Morning topic: "After the Revival, what?" Evening subject: "Born with a silver spoon, died with a lead bullet."

The Essex County Mutual Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of this Company for the election of directors and for the transacting of such other business as may come before it will be held at the Company's office, No. 1 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., on Monday, January 8, 1906, at four o'clock P. M.

J. H. DODD, Secretary.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST COMPANY.

The annual stated meeting of the stockholders of this Company for the election of directors and for the transacting of such other business as may come before it will be held on the ninth day of January, 1906, at the Company's office, No. 1 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., at 12 o'clock noon.

J. H. DODD, Secretary.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, executor of Julia E. Hise, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Saturday, the 20th day of January next.

Dated December 8, 1905.

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Library Notes.

A reflection of the coming holiday is always to be seen in the Jarvie Memorial Library, and now we are reminded that the Christmas season is approaching. The magazine racks hold a wealth of Christmas reading, and the advertising pages of the periodicals are often as interesting as the pages which are indexed in the table of contents.

Of course the publishers offer a bewildering variety of good things to tempt Christmas readers, and really there is only one thing slier for Christmas, and that is a library card. For the assistance of those whose friends either are already subscribers or else live out of town, and so cannot use a card, there is a very helpful bulletin from Pratt Institute posted near the door, and of easy access. This gives a choice list of books suitable for Christmas gifts, both new and old, many of which can be seen in the library. There is a wide range of subjects, and the books suggested for children are especially good.

The librarian has very considerably placed near by a number of publishers' catalogues, giving description and prices of most of the books mentioned in the Pratt list.

But if you are going to give to a friend in town, think again before selecting a book. Look around the library at the shelves filled with inviting volumes, with a range extending from the wisdom of the ancients to the latest follies of the moderns, and consider whether you would not be giving more pleasure by sending a library card, which would give your friend a practically unlimited number of books in his home through the year. A library card is only one dollar.

Foresters' Election.

Court Eagle Rock, Independent Order of Foresters, elected these officers Wednesday night: Court deputy, Charles Bierwiler; chief ranger, Dr. Joseph C. Sallie; vice-chief ranger, Charles Metz; recording secretary, J. H. Morrison; financial secretary, Harry Cooper; treasurer, Joseph Fronapfel; court physician, Dr. Frank W. Lockwood; court druggist, Dr. Joseph C. Sallie; senior woodward, Rafael Matthews; junior woodward, John H. Moore; senior beadle, Charles Hotchkiss; junior beadle, Frederick Fielescher; organist, Robert Hawson; finance committee, O. Aris Volkert and Robert Hawson; trustees, George Scherer and J. Herman Fronapfel.

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